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- ☐ 2 **Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)**  
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- ☐ 4 **Petition, Statement & Petition Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)**  
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- ☒ 5 A list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

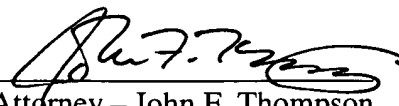
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- ☐ 7 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ 8 The required Statement made in item 11 below; or
- ☐ 9 The \$240.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 14 below.

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- ☐ 11 Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e)
- ☐ 12 Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement; or
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